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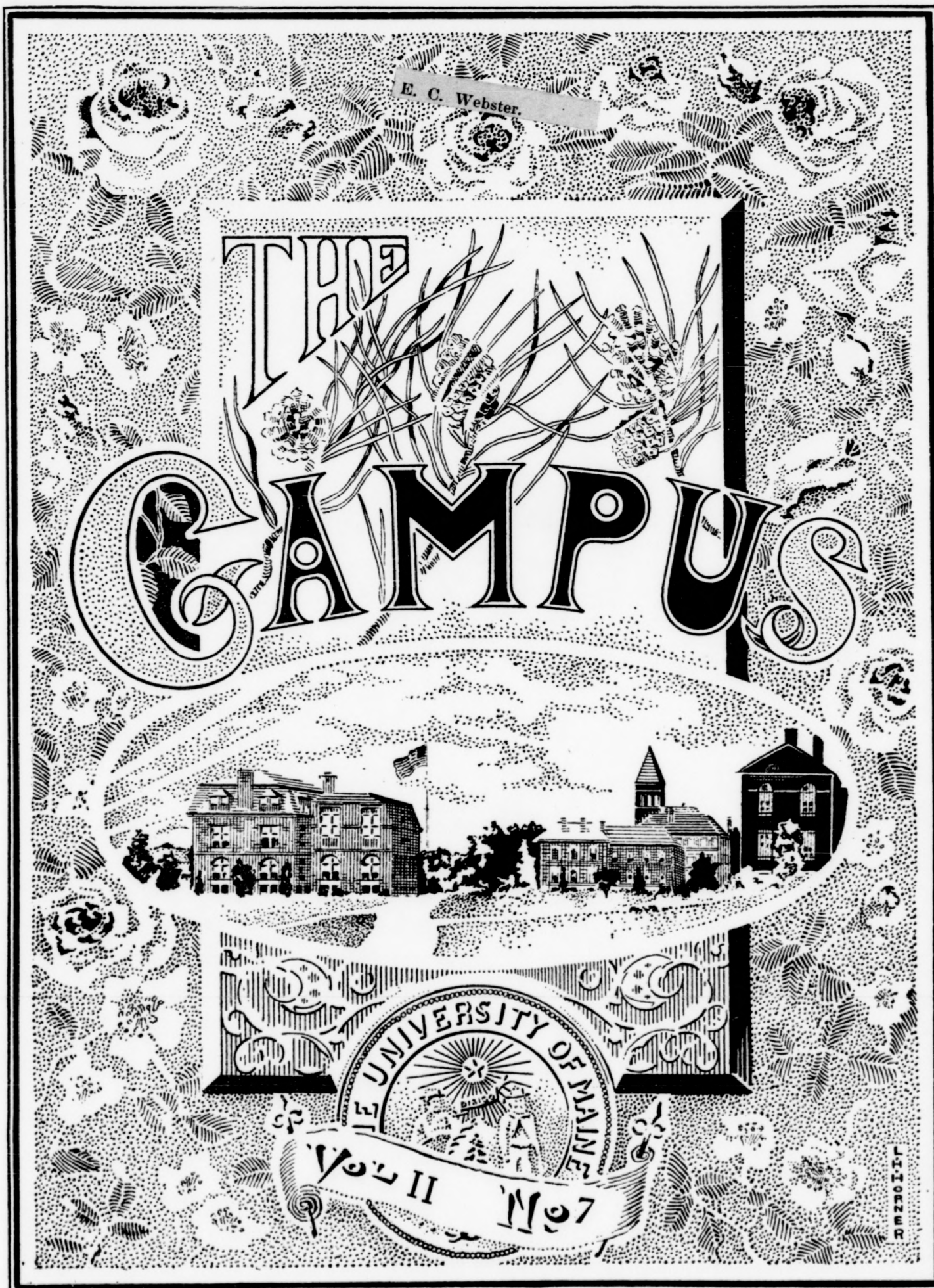
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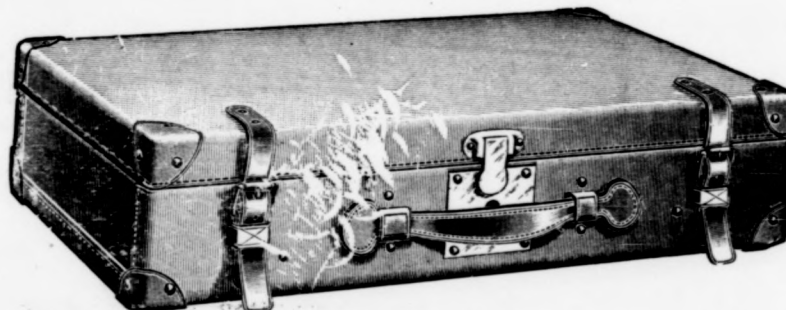


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## EDITORIALS.

THE CAMPUS begins the new century with the brightest of prospects for a successful future, even though the rapid growth of the university will demand of it even more rapid advancement as the scope of its usefulness broadens, and it becomes more and more to be recognized as the representative of the students of the University of Maine on all matters both local and intercollegiate.

Each successive year is certain to add to the usefulness of the college paper as the need of it is more widely felt and this means that each year is also to add to the work which must be done in preparing the pages of the paper to meet the increasing needs satisfactorily. Whether men are now being developed who will be willing to make the additional sacrifice of time and ability which will be necessary to carry on this work successfully is an open question. That there is ability enough is not to be doubted. There is little doubt even as to the presence of men here who would be willing to work and work hard provided there

was some compensation to follow their efforts. But the condition of the paper at present, while exceedingly bright in view of the many expressions of satisfaction with its work which are coming to us constantly, does not warrant the assurance of any financial compensation for services rendered, nor can promise be given that the man who shall serve his college faithfully and well as an editor of its newspaper shall receive the honor which the same effort might bring him if extended in some other direction, or which would be his if he were to serve in the same capacity on the editorial board of any one of a majority of college publications.

But that such a condition exists today is no sign it will exist five years from now or even one year. The time is coming when it will be one of the highest honors in college to "make" the CAMPUS board and the sooner that time comes the better it will be for the interest of the college. Just how such a condition is to be developed is a serious question but we believe that the simplest solution to the problem is to be found in a sharp and extensive competition for places on the editorial staff. What the CAMPUS needs to make it a success and to accomplish the end just spoken of, is a staff of able, self-sacrificing and hard-working editors, who will each carry his share of the work no matter how much his personal plans may be interfered with. Such an efficient working force cannot be brought together by any haphazard method of election to membership, but must be the result of self-development in a sense, in other words it must follow a competition which shall have brought out the best equipped men in college for the work required.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a brief notice of the competition for places on the board of next year which is elected during the second week in April. The men which shall be chosen at that time will make or mar the college paper for the next college year and on the work they shall do depends to a certain

degree the reputation of the university. Is it not of the utmost importance, then, that this matter receive most careful attention at the hands of every student? We have no doubt but that next year would see all previous attainments put in the shade if the students that are to be upper classmen then would take up this work in earnest and see that each class was strongly represented in the competitive work. Honors and monetary compensation might not follow at once but they would come very soon and having come, the problem of successful management would be reduced to a very simple one.

Each class at the earliest opportunity should appoint every member who is known to be interested in such work to represent it in the competition and then should see that representatives so appointed are true to the trust imposed upon them. Such a course could but bring good results, and would doubtless effect a great change in the efficiency of THE CAMPUS.



A RECENT issue of the Bowdoin Orient contained editorial comment upon a statement of one of the professors of that institution in regard to "cramming for exams." Not only did the professor believe that cramming was an entirely creditable method of preparing one's self to meet the trials of examination week but he was quoted as saying that he knew many men who traced their success in life directly to what seems to us a most uncertain method of increasing one's store of knowledge. Whatever general conditions may exist in a classical college to warrant such a statement we do not know; it is more than probable that at the time the words were spoken which have been quoted, special conditions were present which called for their utterance. However this may be, such an idea should not be harbored for a minute by a man in a technical institution for it could only prove a delusion and a snare.

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The student who is training himself to be an engineer has need of something besides a store of facts; he needs to be more than an encyclopedia of all matters technical, as the failure of so many "honor men" to succeed in their profession has often proven. What the engineer needs, especially if he is to advance in after years through no influence of friends but on straight ability, is to be trained to apply himself without question or hesitation to the tasks set by his superiors, to take interest in his work because it is his work, and to be acute in observation and fruitful in expedients. Experience has shown that where "book learning" will utterly fail, these qualities will carry a man to the front in any branch of engineering.

The student who faithfully performs the prescribed work of the courses as arranged in the majority of technical colleges of this country, will find as his college work draws to a close that beside the knowledge he has gained, the above qualities have to a greater or less extent become a part of his life. Not so with the man who has passed his examinations by a few days of mental compression just before the "final" came. He may get the knowledge and retain it, but the keystone of the structure he has been building has been rejected and should such a man ever become a manufacturer he could be counted on to lack sympathy with his workmen, foresight into commercial conditions, and ten chances to one in spite of his ability to shove things through at the last minute, his orders would be filled a month or so late. There is pretty strong evidence coming up from time to time, that there is nothing very precious among the possessions of this world that can be gained without hard and constant work. If a student can get more good from a few hours' hard work in unnatural and unhealthful application to a subject than can be gained by the man who spends five months in a consistent and faithful study of it then there is something sadly wrong with our present educational system.

ELSEWHERE in this issue is to be found a quotation from the message of Gov. Hill, relating to the past work of this university and the proposed legislation to provide for its needs.

In view of the great necessity for a new engineering building including departments for practical instruction in all branches of wood and iron construction work, it would seem as if the state would not hesitate an instant to make the needed appropriation. The fact that the old building now used as a shop is a menace to the health of those who must endure the chilling draughts which find no difficulty in penetrating its imperfect covering, should of itself be sufficient cause for prompt and generous action on the part of the legislators, but when it is considered that the present building is entirely inadequate for the needs of the mechanical and electrical departments and that the heating and lighting plant is now being run at fully twice its normal capacity it would seem that the reputation of the state would demand the passage without question of such a measure as will provide for the immediate removal of the inconveniences that now have to be endured.

Whether this will be the case, and the desired appropriation be passed with little or no opposition we cannot tell, but from previous experience it would seem doubtful if any such good fortune would be the lot of the University of Maine this year. However bright the prospect may seem for a happy issue out of all our troubles, it is not best to let a single opportunity pass that may be the means of advancing the interests of the state university. At first thought a student might feel that there was little or nothing for him to do in carrying forward this work. But this is far from the case. The facts that we have stated in regard to the need of an engineering building will doubtless be held up before the state assembly time and time again before the crisis in the matter comes; it may even be published broadcast through the papers of the state and yet we are firm in our



belief that were you, who are students from Maine's cities and towns, to write a personal letter to your representative stating these needs and appealing to him for careful thought and action on the matter, it would have more effect than a hundred discussions of the matter in the press or in legislative halls.

Let the whole state know that the *students* of this college want this thing, as well as the faculty and trustees, and a mighty force will have been added to help in the work of educating the state to the condition and needs of its university.



### U. OF M. LEGISLATION.

(Extract from Gov. Hill's Message to the State Assembly.)

"The State University is in a prosperous condition, having about 360 students, of whom more than six-sevenths are residents of this state. Its most popular courses are those in engineering, and the best equipped those in agriculture; but the scope of its work is of the very broadest character, and also includes a classical course, a similar course without Greek, a scientific course without Latin or Greek, a course in preparation for medicine, and courses in chemistry and pharmacy. The School of Law, located in Bangor, has been well received, and is gaining the approval of those well qualified to judge of its work.

"Nearly two-thirds of the income of the university is derived from the general government, the remainder being provided by the state. It having been the policy of the state to reduce students' expenses as much as possible, the receipts from this source are comparatively small. The trustees have used the funds available to secure teachers, apparatus and facilities for in-

struction, rather than to construct large and expensive buildings, and have been governed by the restrictions of the United States appropriations which forbid the use of any part of these funds for the erection or repair of buildings.

"During the past two years the trustees have constructed a drill hall and a gymnasium, now nearly finished, which will be paid for by private subscriptions, and it is understood that the legislature will not be asked for any assistance in its completion. An astronomical observatory has also been built, and a large telescope set up. The equipment in electrical engineering and in the natural sciences has been largely increased, and the buildings of the agricultural department have received extensive repairs and additions.

"The trustees in their report will urge the erection of a building for the department of mechanical and electrical engineering, to contain recitation rooms, drawing rooms, iron working and carpenter shops, a foundry and forge shops. They state that the building now in use was erected when the university had a comparatively small number of students; that it is a cheap wooden structure, inadequate for the purpose, and in bad repair; and that no appropriation for the erection of a building has been made for ten years, although since that time the number of teachers and students has increased threefold. The equipment of the university is thoroughly creditable, and it unquestionably affords an exceptional opportunity for young men and women to secure an education at a very moderate cost. You will, I am sure, give its interests careful attention, and take such action as the needs of the institution and the financial condition of the state seem to warrant."



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THE CAMPUS wishes all its readers a happy and successful year.

B. F. Faunce is taking a five dollar course in electrical engineering.

Colds are very prevalent, due to the sudden rise in temperature during last week.

Many of the seniors are already hard at work on their theses. A complete list of the subjects will be printed in an early issue of THE CAMPUS.

It looks decidedly as though the U. of M. Gas and Gasoline Engine Co. would be the next in order. The shop is a very lively place just at present, there being at least six explosive motors in various stages of construction.

L. M. Swasey, ex-'01, has returned to college.

During the spring term a course is to be given on The Theory of Equation by Prof. Siff.

L. E. Smith, '03, has gone to California to visit his parents.

The Athletic officers so far chosen are as follows: S. P. Davis, manager of baseball team; H. M. Carr, captain of baseball team; Luther Peck, manager of football eleven; Carlos Dorticos, captain of football eleven; P. Edward McCarthy, manager of track team; F. M. Davis, captain of track team.

At a meeting of the junior class, held Jan. 9, the following committee was chosen for the Junior Prom.: E. W. Ross, B. N. Moore, S. P. Davis, J. C. Warren, R. Whittier.

Geo. Larrabee, '00, was on the campus recently.

At the forty-first national convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, held in Boston, Dec. 27-29, two charters were granted, one to the local society at the University of Pennsylvania, and another to the Iota Phi society of the University of Maine. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was founded in 1856 at the University of Alabama. In September, 1900, the fraternity consisted of fifty-six chapters with 986 active members.

The testing department of the General Electric Co. of Schenectady, N. Y., held a notable dinner in Albany on Dec. 8. Those present represented sixty colleges, twenty-seven states and fourteen nations. The unusual number of different college yells heard after dinner was a remarkable feature. "Maine" was represented by two men, F. A. Noyes and Julian S. Dunn, both of the class of 1900.

Work on the 1902 Prism has begun in earnest since the Xmas recess. The board of editors is as follows: Editor-in-chief, N. A. Chase; associate editors, Marion G. Boland, E. J. Bartlett, H. W. Kneeland, F. W. Kallom, E. S. True, A. C. Lyon, James O'Halloran; artist, H. E. Cole. The business manager is Harry Carr, who has G. S. Freeman for his assistant.

E. W. Delano, 1902, has the position as second door-keeper in the house of representatives for this session of the Maine legislature, now in progress in Augusta. There were two candidates in the field against him for this much coveted position, but the fact that he has performed the duties of this office in a very creditable manner for two successive sessions was no doubt a strong factor in his securing the position for the third term.

The work of the musical clubs has greatly improved of late and there is now no doubt but that a successful season will be the result of the



year's work. The Orono concert will be given about Feb. 15, soon after which a concert tour will be taken through Piscataquis county. Every man who is now working with the clubs should allow nothing to hinder him from attending practice regularly as a single absence now cannot but interrupt the work of all those who are present.

Edwin B. Ross, '02, spent a part of his Christmas vacation in New York city.

Alan L. Bird, '00, was on the campus visiting friends Friday, Jan. 4.

The dates for the mid-winter "exams" were posted Monday morning. Now for two weeks of hard study in preparation for them.

During the Christmas vacation improvements were made in the Beta House to enable the members to board in their chapter house. The "chef" arrived the latter part of the recess and had everything in order for them on their return to college.

The attention of all readers is called to the notice of the beginning of competitive work for the next CAMPUS board which is given in a separate column of this issue. All who may be interested in such work but who have never attempted anything of the kind would do well to talk with the editor or manager of the paper at once in regard to it.

The University of Maine chapter of Beta Theta Pi entertained their friends at a dancing party at their chapter house on the Tuesday evening before the Christmas recess. A large number of Bangor, Oldtown and Orono people was present. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The music was furnished by Messrs. Pullen and Ringwall of Bangor.

Alexander Taylor, '04, and Luther Bradford, '03, have left college for a while, they having accepted positions as school teachers. Taylor is teaching in Eddington and Bradford in Turner, Maine.

Prof. and Mrs. R. K. Jones visited in Boston during the Christmas recess.

Dr. O. F. Lewis was in Boston through the holidays.

A most interesting meeting of the scientific association was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, in Wingate Hall. The principal paper of the evening was given by Prof. Hart upon the recent eclipse of the sun as seen by himself and associates at the U. S. Naval Observatory station at Barnesville, Georgia. The lecture of Prof. Hart was of a popular yet instructive nature, was illustrated by some very fine stereopticon views and proved very interesting. Preceding the presentation of this paper, Prof. Stevens gave some very valuable and interesting scientific notes.

The regular weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, in the association room, Oak Hall. The subject of the meeting was, Who shall be my leader for the new year? It was conducted by the president of the association.

On Friday evening, Jan. 4, a Beta dinner was held at the Bangor House. Nearly all the members of the U. of M. chapter were present as well as a number of men from the Bowdoin chapter and a large delegation of alumni from different parts of the state. After the banquet was served a number of toasts were responded to from members of the different chapters represented, Prof. R. K. Jones officiating as toastmaster.

The Junior Mechanical and Electrical society met in Wingate Hall on Jan. 8, at 7 p. m. Mr. Kelley presented a paper on a recent patent for a variable speed contrivance capable of being advantageously attached to bicycles and automobiles. Mr. Rackliffe gave some of the useful points picked up in his experience in electric railway work. These meetings are growing in attendance and interest and are rapidly becoming a strong feature in the work of the engineering students.



## WHO SHALL WEAR THE M?

The executive committee of the athletic association have adopted the following resolutions, subject to the approval of the association:

I. The 'varsity initial shall be awarded in football for playing two (2) entire college games or four halves, or any part thereof; it being understood that any player beginning a game and being taken out on account of injury shall receive credit for a full game.

II. In baseball the 'varsity initial shall be awarded to those playing three entire college games, except the pitcher, who shall pitch two entire games or at least sixteen (16) innings; the same conditions holding in regard to injury as in football.

III. In track athletics the 'varsity initial shall be awarded to those men winning a point or a fraction thereof at the New England intercollegiate meet, to those winning a point in the Maine meet, to those breaking college records and to members of winning relay teams contesting with other colleges.

IV. In tennis the 'varsity initial shall be conferred to winners of college championship in singles and doubles and also to winning representatives of the college in singles and doubles in an intercollegiate tournament.

V. The 'varsity initial shall be awarded to the managers of 'varsity football, baseball and track teams with the distinction that the M shall be underlined.

VI. The 'varsity initial may be worn on sweater, jersey and cap and on track men's running shirts. The initial on sweater, jersey and running shirt shall be a plain M, "5 by 6" in size and that on the cap shall not exceed "1 1/4 by 1 1/2" in size. The baseball shirt shall bear across the breast the word Maine in plain letters not exceeding "4" in height.

VII. No 'varsity initial shall be worn with or without other letters except under the foregoing conditions.

## MT. VERNON NOTES.

Dr. O. F. Lewis passed the Christmas holidays in Boston.

Mr. R. M. Packard, tutor in mathematics, spent part of the Christmas recess at the home of Mr. C. G. Weston in Madison.

Mr. Wm. A. Beck, tutor in physics, visited many places of interest in Boston during the holidays.

Mr. C. H. Lombard, assistant in civil engineering, and Mr. W. H. Caswell, assistant in physics, remained at the Mt. Vernon House during the vacation and passed a very pleasant time.

Mr. C. P. Weston, instructor in civil engineering, Mr. E. C. Whiton, tutor in modern languages, and Mr. F. H. Vose, tutor in mechanical engineering, passed the holidays at their respective homes.

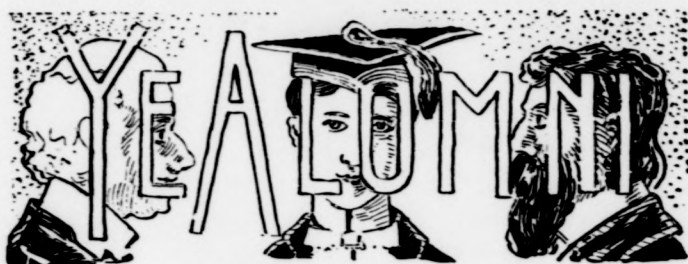
All the young ladies of the Mt. Vernon House returned to their homes for the Christmas recess.

Miss Emily Hamlin, '01, enjoyed a visit in Boston throughout the Christmas recess.

During the vacation the lower hall of the Mt. Vernon House was papered with a very handsome olive green paper. Some of the pictures belonging to the Art Guild have been hung on the walls, thus improving exceedingly the appearance of the hall. The work was done under the direction of the Art Guild and praise is due to Prof. Huddilston for the artistic effects.

On the evening of Dec. 13th a candy party was held in the Mt. Vernon house. Various kinds of delicious candy were made and corn was popped in the open fireplace in the dining room. The evening was pleasantly passed in games, dancing and singing college songs.

A week before Christmas the people of the Mt. Vernon House held a Christmas tree in the dining room. The tree was decorated with colored candles, strings of pop-corn and bags of candy. Dr. Lewis took the part of Santa Claus and performed his duty to the entire satisfaction of all. Many presents, both useful and ornamental, were received by every one.



'76.

The honor of naming the councilor for the fourth district came again to Kennebec county and the party has chosen wisely and well in

Oakland, but in a year moved to Waterville, where he has since resided. His practice has been a growing one, and besides he has given much time to politics, having been county attorney, attorney general and senator. In his public life he has always been a champion of things that tend toward progress. In speaking of him the Waterville Mail says:

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selecting Hon. William T. Haines of Waterville, the retiring attorney general. Mr. Haines adds one more lawyer to the council, but he is also a good business man. The council needs both and when they are combined in one and the same person so much the better. Born in Levant, Me., Aug. 7, 1854, he fitted for college at the East Corinth academy and after finishing his four years' course here he attended the Albany Law School, graduating from there in 1878. He first opened an office in

the cities of the commonwealth. He is always to be counted on to assist in every enterprise which has the advancement of the city or state for its end. He will be a valuable member of the council."

The Jan. 4 issue of the Industrial Journal, published in Bangor, comes out in new and attractive form, it being the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of that publication. Henceforth the Journal will be in pamphlet form and will contain many features of interest



and profit that were not formerly to be found among its pages. The "Anniversary Edition" reflects great credit upon Mr. E. M. Blanding, the editor, and if it may be taken as a representative of succeeding issues, the paper will undoubtedly be a greater success than ever. The publication in its present form is finely illustrated and while much of its reading matter is devoted to the commercial interests of Maine, it contains numerous articles of general interest.

'81.

In our previous issue mention was made of the marriage of Henry W. Brown, but no details were given. Below we print a more extended account:

The marriage of Prof. Henry W. Brown and Miss Una Estelle Cross occurred at the residence of the bride's parents in Bristol, N. H., last Wednesday, in the presence of the immediate friends and a few invited guests. Rev. J. W. Savage of Bristol officiated and the ceremony was in accordance with the Episcopal form.

Both of the contracting parties are members of the faculty of the New Hampton literary institution at New Hampton, N. H., the groom as teacher of sciences and the bride as teacher of music.

Prof. Brown was graduated from the University of Maine in 1881, after which he pursued graduate work for two years at Yale. For thirteen years he has taught natural science at New Hampton with success, and he now holds the position of vice principal of the institution.

Miss Cross has been twice graduated from the New Hampton institution, and has pursued thorough courses in music in Boston and elsewhere. After a tour in Connecticut, New York and elsewhere they return to New Hampton, where they will continue their work at the school.

Prof. Brown took his degrees here in 1881 and 1885. He was a prominent man in the Q. T. V. fraternity and winner of the sophomore prize

in declamation. He caught for two seasons on the 'varsity, and was adjutant of the battalion. He is a writer of articles upon popular science and a progressive teacher.

'91.

Miss Katie E. Farrington of Gardiner and Mr. H. V. Starrett of Warren were united in marriage, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Maxcy, Brunswick avenue, Gardiner. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. T. Ringold of the First Baptist church, in the presence of only a few of the most intimate friends. Miss Farrington is well known in Gardiner, having been clerk for W. E. Maxcy at his insurance office for the last few years. They will reside in Warren.

'93.

Mr. Walter B. Crosby of Massachusetts was recently appointed to the responsible position of road engineer for Baltimore county, Maryland. This position was not secured by political influence, for the politicians were arrayed solidly against him, but by his reputation and fitness for the place. Among his supporters were many of the best known men of the county, who participate in politics solely for the benefit of the community. These showed to Gov. Smith the desirability of securing for the position a man who had shown special ability along the lines called for. Mr. Crosby was this man, having served with distinction on the Massachusetts highway commission and being recommended by the men in charge. The position is a lucrative one, and though the incumbent may be removed at any time for cause the law insures him virtually a life term, which permits the development of the best possible system of road improvement and its methodical and consecutive prosecution.

'94.

The address of Herbert Murray is 131 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. He has lately returned from Nome, where he is interested in the Koagrock mining district.



The present address of F. G. Gould is Mechipicoten Harbor, Canada.

'95.

Mr. Wendell W. Chase, lately with the Massachusetts highway commission, has just been appointed chief draughtsman for the Massachusetts Topographical Survey Commission; office, Room 138 State House, Boston.

'98.

C. S. Webster, '98 and Norton & Hall have issued a circular letter, announcing the combination of the firm of Norton & Hall and J. H. & C. S. Webster. The new firm makes specialty of fire and marine insurance with headquarters in the city of Portland.

L. N. Edwards is in the employ of the Riter-Conley Mfg. Co., instead of the Keystone Bridge Works, as stated in our last issue. Address, No. 1920 Chartiers St., Allegheny, Penn.

'99.

A. L. Grover is reading law in the office of Herrick and Park, Bethel, Maine.

Word has just been received here that Palmer, who has been at work for the past year in the testing department of the General Electric Co., has been badly burned about the face and shoulders by an accident at the works of that company. Details of the unfortunate occurrence cannot be procured but it is to be hoped that no serious results will follow.

1900.

Wallace A. Weston, who has been in the employ of the Algoma Central railway, at Mechipicoten Harbor, is at the General Hospital recovering from typhoid fever. He will return to his home in Madison as soon as he is able to travel.

The address of M. C. Hart is 4301 Davison Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

C. W. Stowell is principal of the Hallowell High school.

## KAPPA SIGMA CONCLAVE.

The fourteenth biennial grand conclave of the Kappa Sigma fraternity was held in Philadelphia Nov. 28, 29 and 30, with headquarters at the Continental Hotel.

There were members present from the North, East, South and West to the number of two hundred and twenty-five.

On Wednesday morning the welcome address was delivered. The afternoon was given up to business, and in the evening a smoker was given at the Alpha Epsilon chapter house in West Philadelphia, where the delegates were entertained by musicians who played popular airs upon the banjo and guitar with piano accompaniment.

On Thursday morning the routine business was taken up, and after a sumptuous dinner, it being Thanksgiving Day, the delegates went to witness a football game between Pennsylvania and Cornell, after which they spent two or three hours visiting the places of interest about the city. In the evening a dance was given at Houston Hall, the students' club at the University of Pennsylvania.

Business occupied the time on Friday till two o'clock when the final adjournment was made. The remainder of the afternoon was given to sight seeing.

The final meeting was Friday evening at the banquet and ball, which was made exceedingly lively by some of the Philadelphia wits.

Those present from Psi Chapter were: J. S. Ferguson, Albion Moulton, G. H. Davis and L. G. Varney.



## THE OTHER 95 PER CENT.

In a few months there will go out from the various technical schools of the United States a great number of students who have completed the prescribed courses of engineering which

each has decided to pursue. Each one expects in a few years to become a C. E., M. E., or E. E. and hopes to attain prominence in his respective vocation. Each realizes the advantages, pecuniary and otherwise, that result from eminence in the profession, but very few give sufficient thought to the obstacles which are to be overcome before they reach the desired eminence. Still there is a sense that the beautiful and apparently perfect air castles that were built during the first years of college life have become modified, until, with commencement close at hand, the student begins to realize that the time and money spent in a college education has not excepted him from the struggle of life. For a while he expects that his education will at least be a great help; but, when he finds some of his old acquaintances that did not go to college already in responsible positions and becomes conscious that he could not step into these position and assume their duties, he thinks that there is some discrepancy somewhere, or that, after all, technical training is not appreciated as it should be. Unless the student has the good fortune to have a "pull" there is a great liability that he will finally endeavor to find a position where he is not likely to be visited by his friends and there start with a small beginning and hope that with steady attention to work the opportunity will soon come when he can use his training and advance rapidly. Such is a sensible way of looking at the problem; but how many there are who meet with disappointment in their expectations and then drift from one thing to another until they give up engineering altogether.

Of the total number of engineering students graduated from technical schools, only five per cent. really become engineers. Some have drifted out of their course, influenced largely by circumstances; others, and these constitute the larger per cent., have found that they did not "have it in them" to become engineers.

What really constitutes an engineer? We have a range that varies all the way from the

"engineers" of a threshing machine to the constructive manager of a large engineering works, to all of whom this term may be applied. But, in the proper sense, an engineer is a person who thoroughly understands many of the principles relating to any one branch of engineering and, also, their applications in commercial work.

Now the question arises, Is the graduate of the technical school qualified to become an engineer either at graduation or subsequently? If we were to choose out the most promising students and use them as examples, the conclusion would be that they will become engineers in the true sense of the term as soon as their technical training is supplemented by the requisite amount of experience. But these seem to be but five per cent. of the total, and a new question naturally arises, What becomes of the other ninety-five per cent? A multitude of other questions will likewise come up, such as: Why is there such a large proportion of unsuccessful engineers? Is it a fault of the schools, or is it because of an over-supply? Is it the graduate who is at fault; and, if so, why educate him?

In considering the above it is important to keep in mind that it is not the successful engineer that is the subject of discussion, but is that class that constitutes the indifferent and less promising of the graduates; also, that the true value of the discussion is brought out by comparing the college training with the requirements that arise after the student gets out into actual work.

The life of a student is considerably different from that which he is supposed to be fitting himself for. In the modern college the student lives comparatively in luxury and, contrary to his opinion of it, he is very likely to have more time at his disposal than he will have when he gets into actual work. Four years of such life will tend to cultivate a habit of accepting the results of the investigation of authorities and unless counteracted will have a powerful influence in destroying originality. The little work that may be obtained during summer



vacation will help some, but not much, to correct this tendency. In college the student is too easily satisfied with indifferent results and spends a great amount of time in attaining them. To the average student it is a rude awakening that comes when he is suddenly plunged into the commercial world and realizes for the first time the ruling power of the "almighty dollar."

It is largely due to this fact that there is such a large proportion who do not succeed, and it is here that there is a possibility that the college is at fault. High schools offer courses that fit for college and only one in ten who go through the high school continue their education and enter college. In the same way, the college tends to over-educate the majority of students in order to fit a few for the more important positions. The majority have not the capacity to become engineers; and, since the tendency of their education has been to make such of them, the result is an over supply of technically educated men, striving for positions that they cannot fill. They have not the many other requirements that must supplement the education—such as a knowledge of how to handle employes, a keen sense of the limitations in the use of their technical training, and above all, a liberal supply of good, sound, practical common sense and judgment.

Now, is the time and money well spent in educating such men as will not be included in the successful five per cent.? Consideration will show that there are reasons for answering the question in the affirmative. The demands of the modern manufacturing and power plant must be met by a supply of men having a knowledge of something more than the simple "rule of thumb." The man of a few years back was required to set the valves of an engine so that it would run quietly; today, there is the added requirement that the engine must run economically. In all branches of modern engineering the strict economy that requires careful tests to produce and maintain also requires to conduct these tests and maintain the economy, men above the average but whose remuneration shall not be so expensive as to be beyond this same principle of economy. It is this that is creating a place for the technical graduate such as is here considered.

In conclusion, it may be said of the student that is likely to enter this field that he should make every effort to inform himself on all practical, every-day points and ideas that he possibly can while in college in order that he may have just that much of a start when he enters into practical work. He should also study as carefully to understand the limitations of the use of technical training as to understand its applications. Such men as this, even if they do not attain the highest success, will surely find positions of usefulness and profit and be a credit to themselves, their profession and their alma mater.

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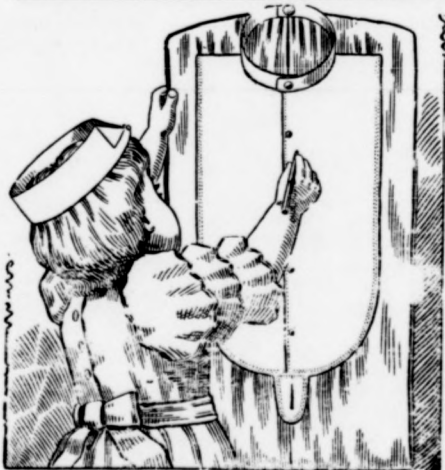
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